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Foreign Documents Exploitation During 1947-48

1. I want to congratulate you on the fine effort contained in "Foreign Documents Exploitation 1947 and 1948". It should be disseminated to all offices within CIA but, for several reasons such as cost, should not have further distribution.

2. In order to provide substantiation for the fulfillment of FDB T/O it is requested that the report go one step further and include graphs showing various stages of backlog such as arrears in answering CD's and coverage of foreign press.

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FOREIGN DOCUMENTS EXPLOITATION DURING 1947 AND 1948

SUMMARY

(For further detail please call
Records, FDB, [redacted])

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REVIEW

1. Foreign Documents

a. Captured Documents Scanned

	<u>1947</u>	<u>1948</u>	<u>1948/1947</u>	
(1) Far East	159,295	167,644	105%	(Graph A)
(2) German	7,922	20,934	264%	(Graph B)

b. Foreign Documents Received and Scanned for Intelligence Value (Graph C)

	<u>1947</u>	<u>1948</u>	<u>1948/1947</u>
(1) Newspapers	4,470	56,633	
(2) Periodicals		6,616	141%
(3) Other Documents	43,678 (mostly captured)		

2. Translation and Information Projects Assigned for Action (excluding Information Cards and Bibliographies)

<u>1947</u>	<u>1948</u>	<u>1948/1947</u>
674	1,973*	292%

3. Average Number of Personnel Assigned

<u>1947</u>	<u>1948</u>	<u>1948/1947</u>
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4. Action Completed

a. Projects

	<u>1947</u>	<u>1948</u>	<u>1948/1947</u>	
(1) Translation and Information Projects (excluding Information Cards and Bibliographies)	365	1,581	430%	(Graph D)
(2) Information Cards	14,092	23,787	168%	(Graphs P, Q, R)
(3) Bibliographies	0	366	366%	(Graphs N, O)
(4) Total Translation and Information Projects	14,457	25,734	178%	(Graphs F, H, J, L, N, P, Q, R, S, U)

* Foreign Documents Branch has standing IAC and CIA requirements for approximately three times the number of translation and information projects assigned during 1948; action on these requirements depending on the increase in personnel authorized by the table of organization.

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b. Pages

		1947	1948	1948/1947	
(1)	Translation and Information Projects (excluding Information Cards and Bibliographies)	6,315	27,567	436%	(Graph E)
(2)	Information Cards	14,092	23,787	168%	
(3)	Bibliographies	0	558	558%	(Graphs N, O)
(4)	Total Pages	20,407	52,242	256%	(Graphs G, I, K, M, O, P, Q, R, T, U)

5. Intelligence Information Coverage during 1948

a. Areas ----- 7

USSR	Middle East
Eastern Europe	Far East
Western Europe	South America
Near East and Africa	

b. Languages ----- 36

Annamese	Egyptian	Italian	Portuguese
Arabic	Estonian	Japanese	Rumanian
Armenian	Finnish	Korean	Russian
Bulgarian	French	Lithuanian	Spanish
Chinese	German	Malay	Syrian
Croatian	Greek	Manchurian	Swedish
Czech	Hebrew	Mongolian	Tagalog
Danish	Hungarian	Norwegian	Turkish
Dutch	Iraqi	Polish	Yiddish

6. Coordination of Document Exploitation during 1948

a. Foreign Documents Branch has prevented duplication of foreign document exploitation through authorized operational liaison with other CIA and IAC offices and agencies.

b. Foreign Documents Branch has coordinated document exploitation activities with the following offices and agencies in locating and exploiting sources of foreign language documents of intelligence potential, in evaluating foreign language material, in determining suitable priorities for exploitation and in the dissemination of information reports and publications:

(1) Army

- (a) Intelligence Division, GSUSA
- (b) German Military Document Section, AGO
- (c) Engineer Research Division, Army Map Service, C/Engrs
- (d) General Headquarters, Far East Command
- (e) Documents Section, European Command
- (f) Military Plans Division, Office of the Quartermaster General

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(2) State

- (a) Office of Intelligence Research

(3) Navy

- (a) Naval Research Laboratories
- (b) Technical Intelligence Center

(4) Air

- (a) Intelligence Division
- (b) Aeronautical Chart Service, Strategic Air Command
- (c) Air Materiel Command, Wright Field
- (d) Air Weather Service, Technical Research Files, ATC
- (e) Air Research Unit, Strategic Vulnerability Branch, ID

7. Cost Accounting During 1948

- a. Costs are computed only for research, analysis, translation, editing and typing.
- b. Average cost per page of all translation and information projects completed during 1948: \$3.58.

8. Disposition of Documents Outside Foreign Documents Brancha. Loan Service

(1) Number of foreign documents loaned

<u>1947</u>	<u>1948</u>
1,759	1,428

b. Transfer of foreign documents

(1) To National Archives

<u>1947</u>	<u>1948</u>
0	1,478,611 (Japanese War Records)

(2) To Library of Congress

<u>1947</u>	<u>1948</u>
87,784	120,146

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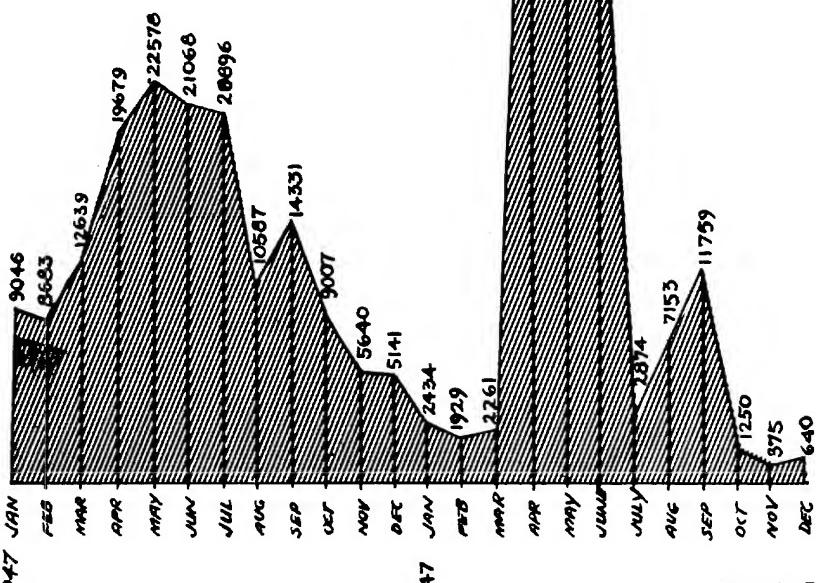
Graph A

1. FOREIGN DOCUMENTS

a. Captured Documents Scanned

(1) Far East

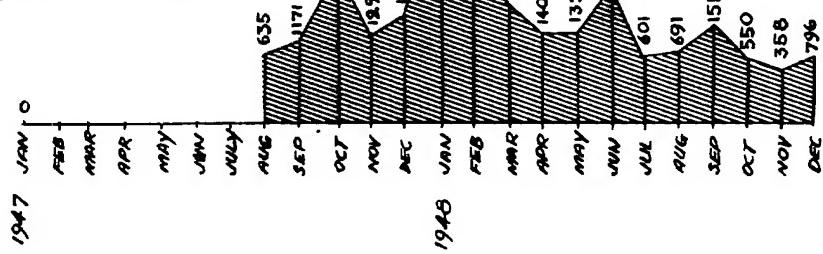
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159,295 167,644 105%



Graph B

(2) German

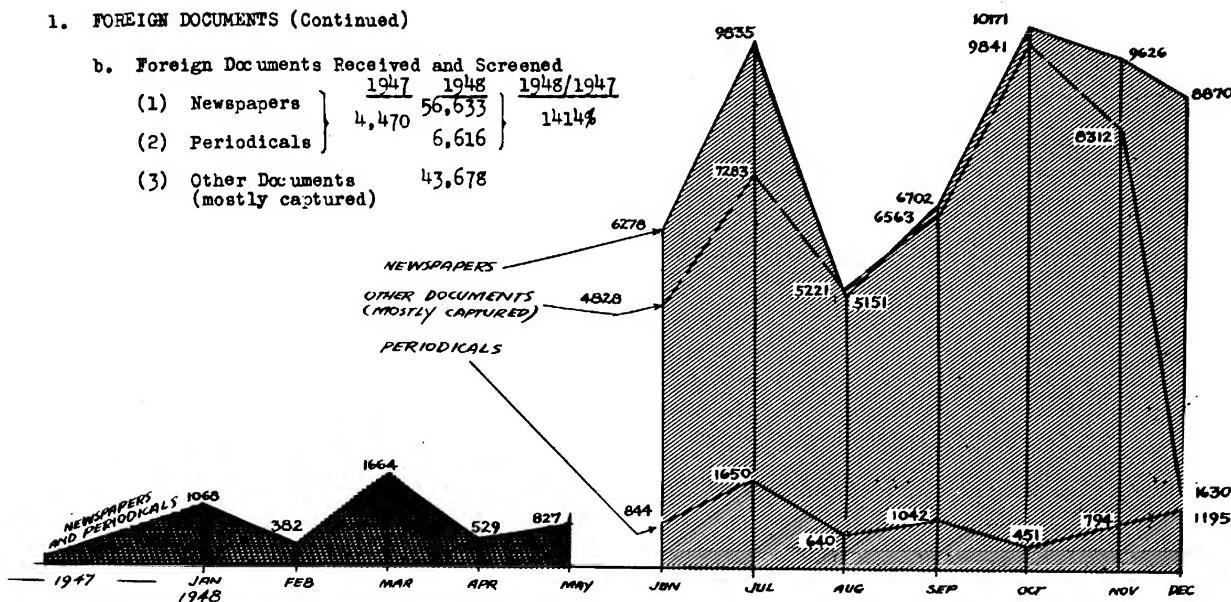
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Graph C

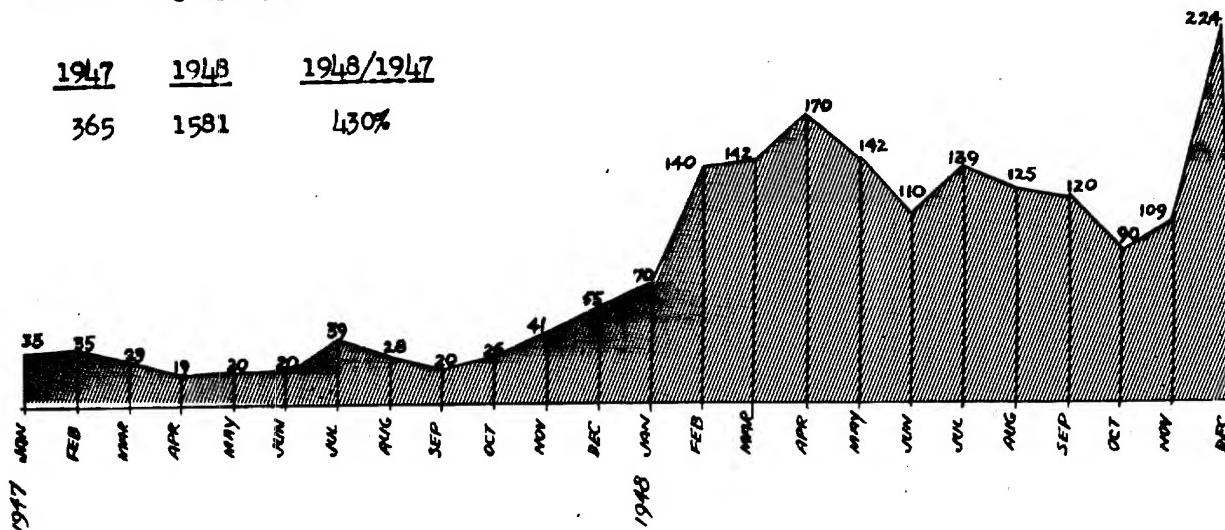


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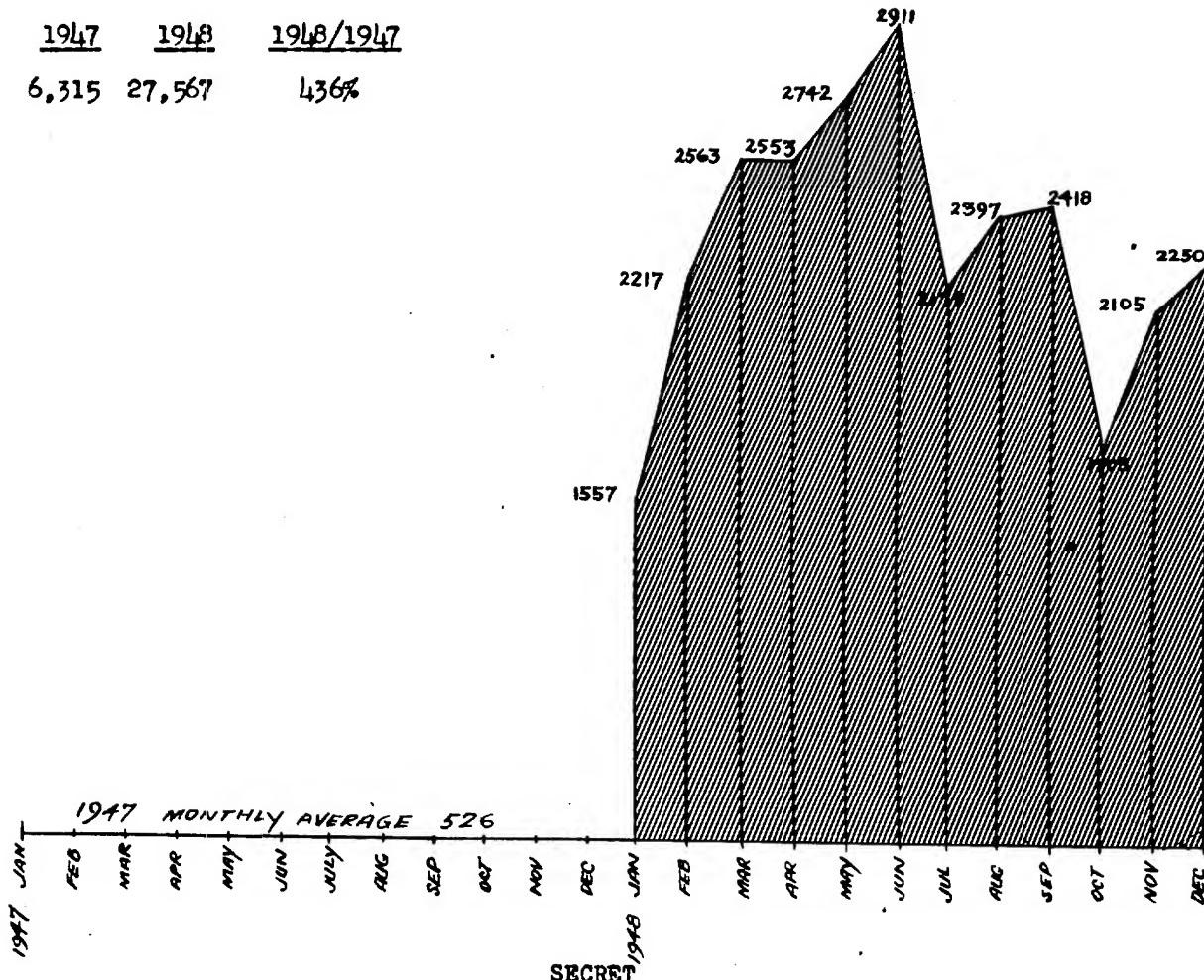
Number of Translation and Information
Projects (excluding Information Cards
and Bibliographies)

Graph D



Number of Translation and Information Pages
Provided (excluding Information Cards and
Bibliographies)

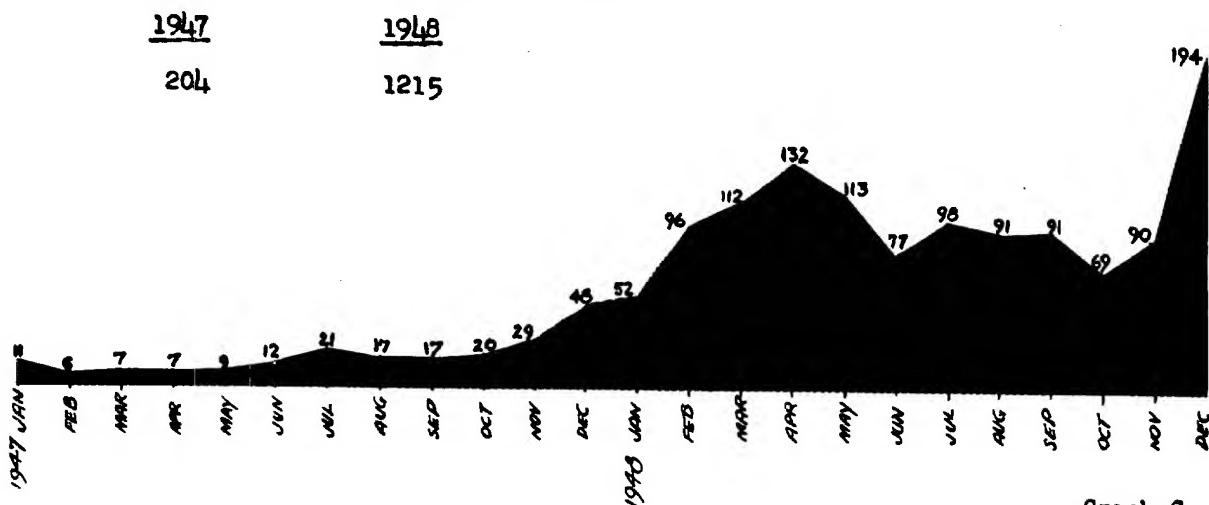
Graph E

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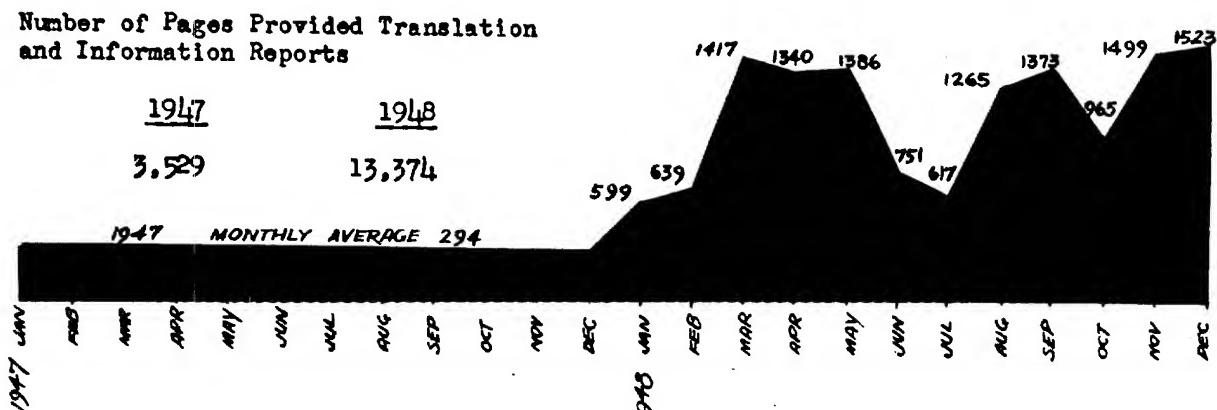
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Number of Translation and Information Reports

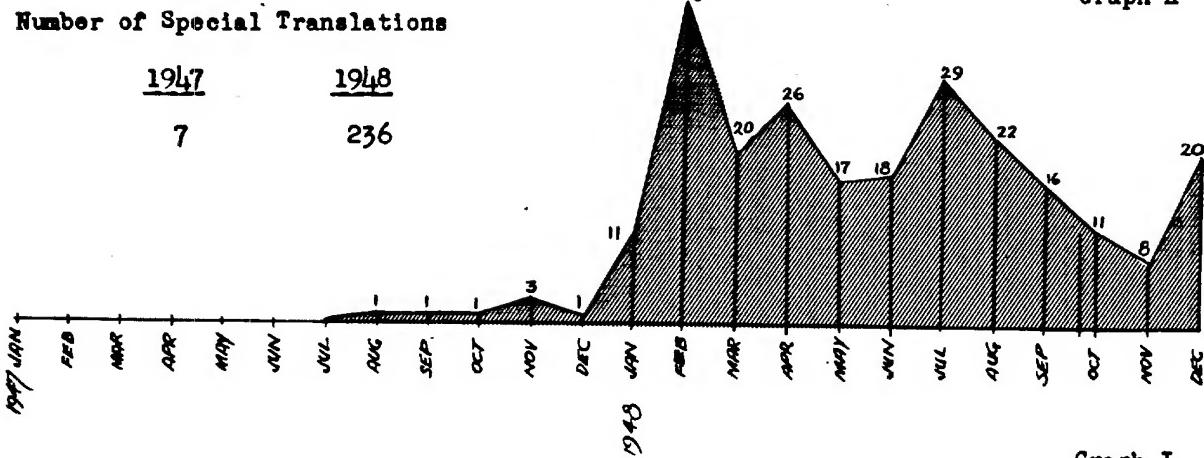
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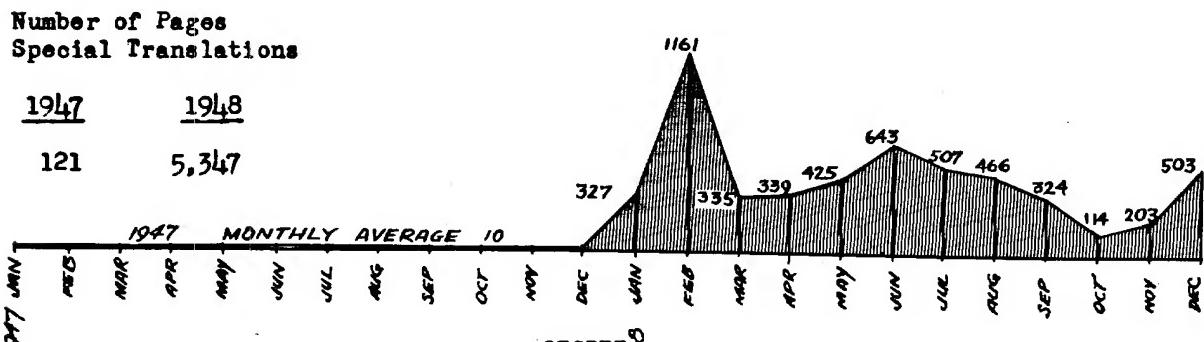
Graph G



Graph H



Graph I

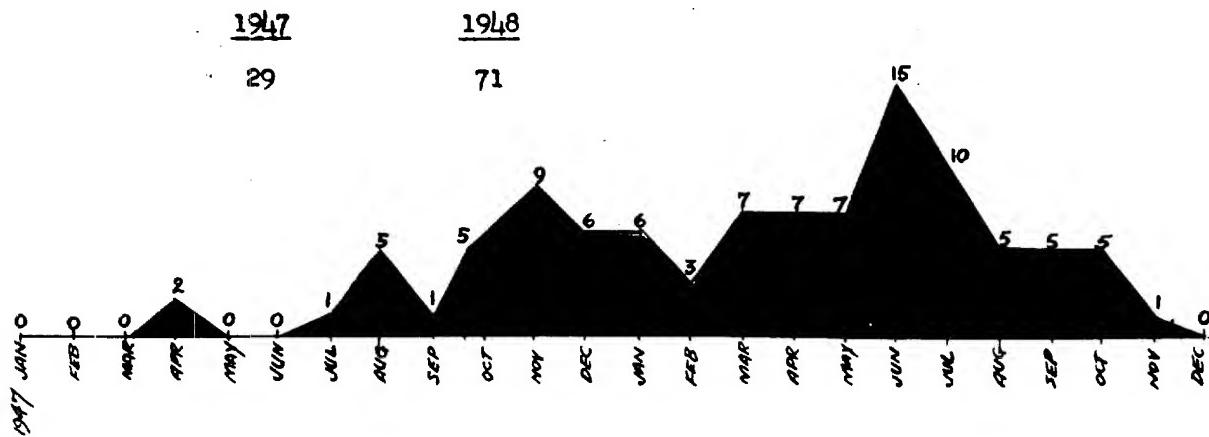


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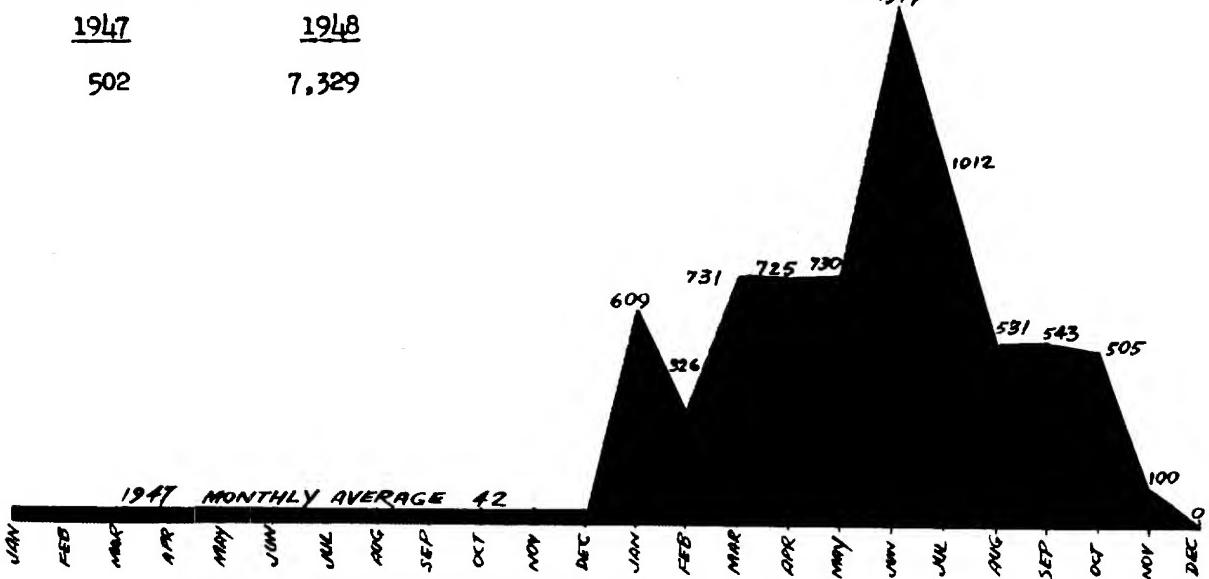
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Graph J

Number of Issues of Foreign Periodical Abstracts



Graph K

Number of Pages
Foreign Periodical Abstracts

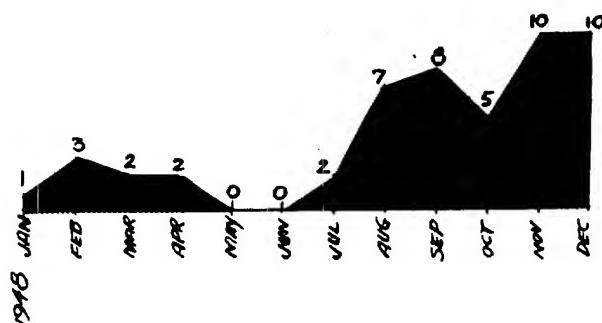
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Graph L

Number of Issues of Foreign Press Extracts

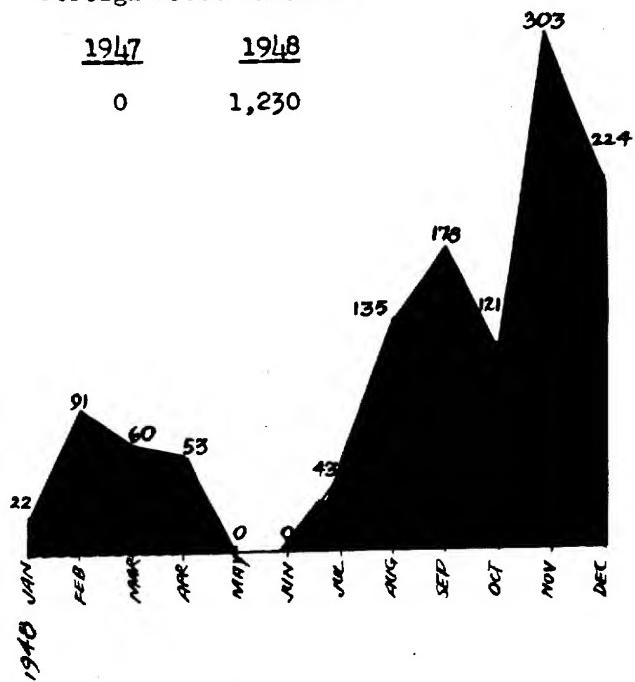
1947
0
1948
50



Graph M

Number of Pages Foreign Press Extracts

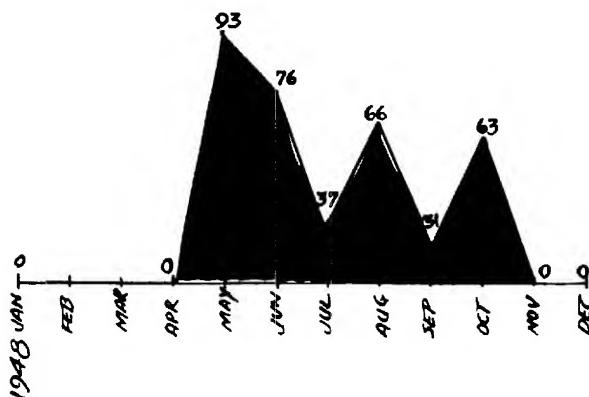
1947
0
1948
1,230



Graph N

Number of Bibliographies of Russian Periodicals

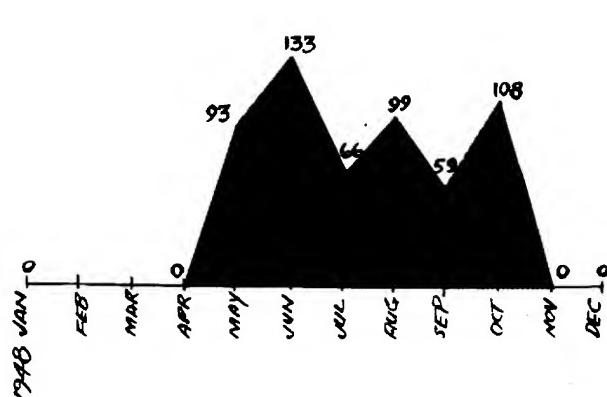
1947
0
1948
366



Graph O

Number of Pages Bibliographies of Russian Periodicals

1947
0
1948
558



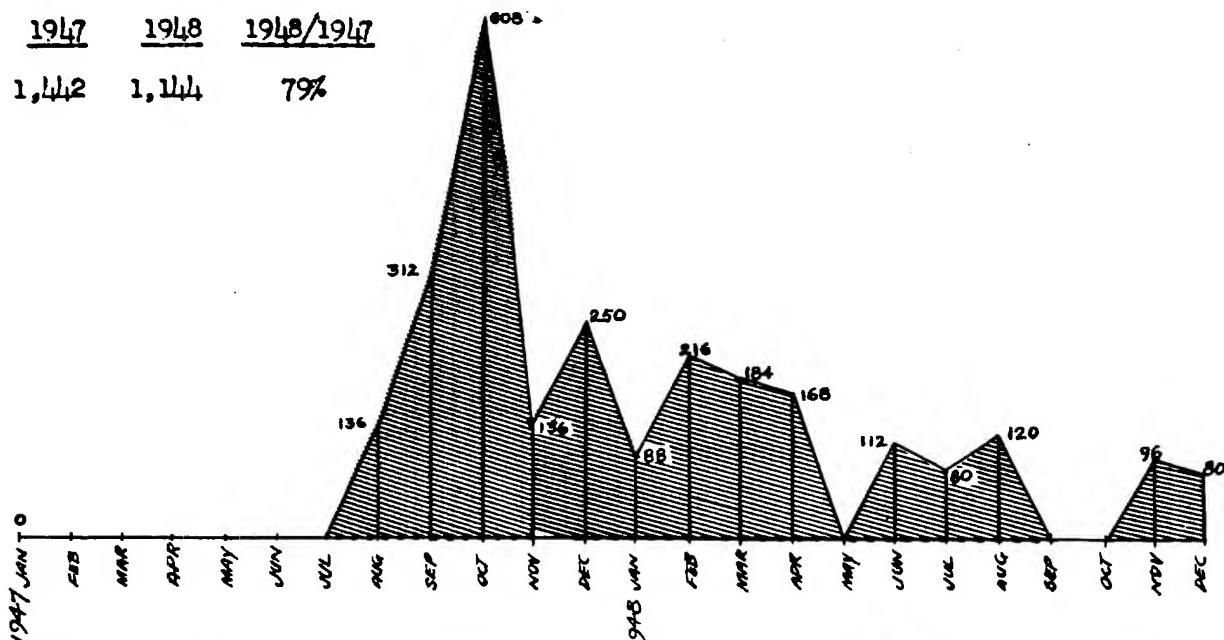
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Number of Cards
 Intelligence Catalog Prepared from
 German Documents

Graph P

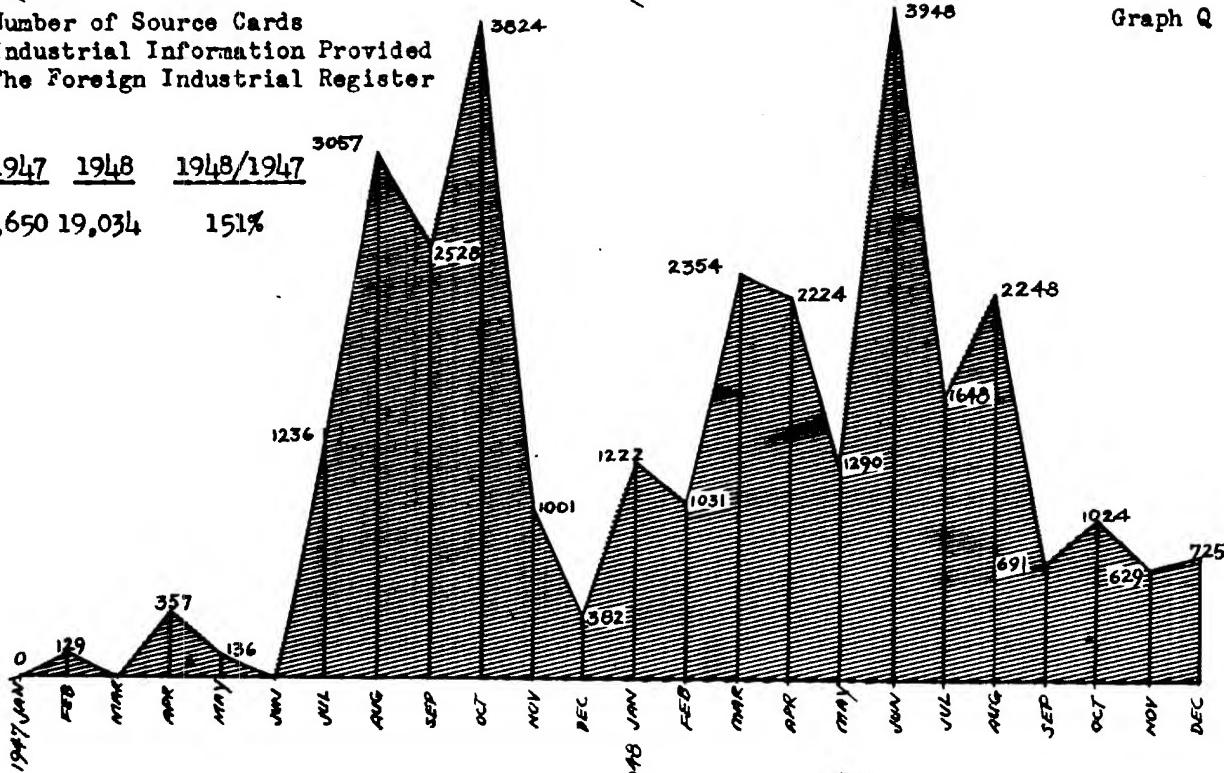
1947 1948 1948/1947
 1,442 1,144 79%



Number of Source Cards
 Industrial Information Provided
 The Foreign Industrial Register

Graph Q

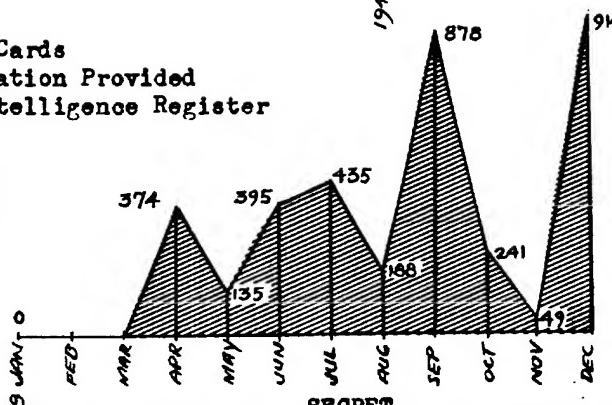
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 12,650 19,034 151%



Number of Source Cards
 Biographic Information Provided
 The Biographic Intelligence Register

Graph R

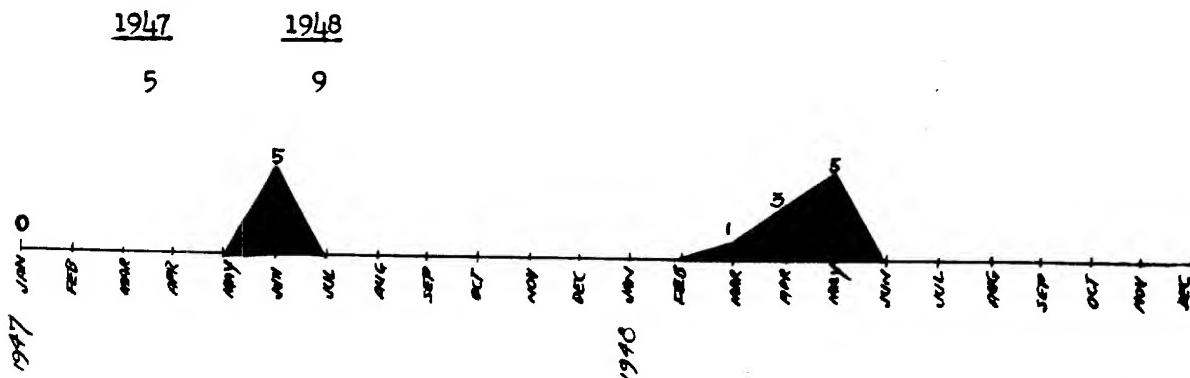
1947 1948
 0 3,609

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Graph S

Number of Summary Translations

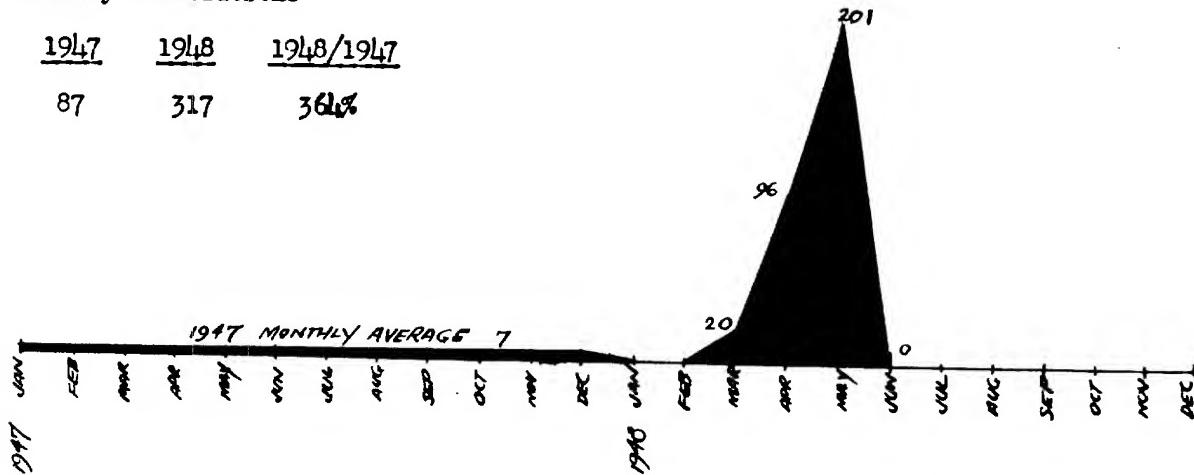


Graph T

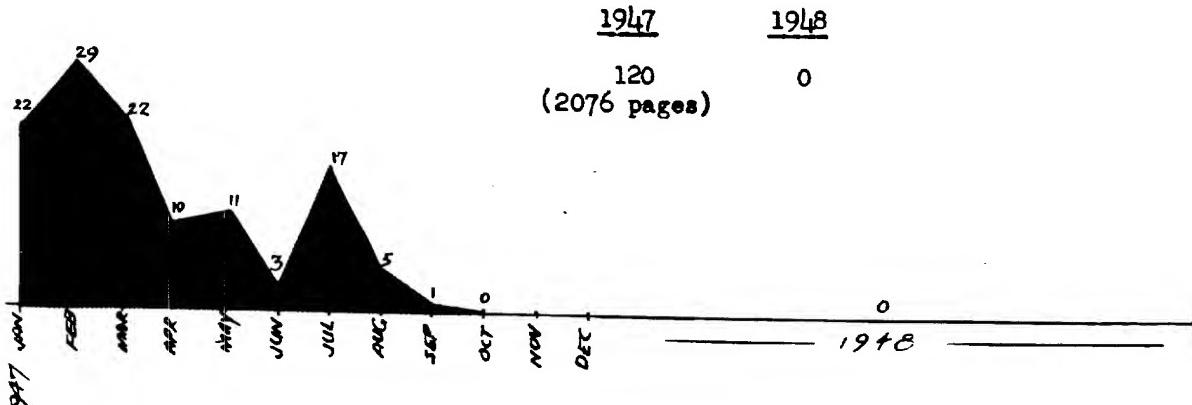
Number of Pages
Summary Translations

1947 1948 1948/1947

87 317 364%



Graph U

Number of Issues and Pages
Accession Lists of Foreign Documents

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